

FRIENDS OF LAPHAM PEAK
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We are so pleased that things are getting “back to normal.” With that being said, Friends of Lapham Peak (FLP) are scheduling our first event – birding!

BIRD HIKES ARE BACK!

We are SO excited to be able to go birding this year in small groups! Birds are calling and birders are excited they are arriving in Wisconsin. Meet us at Evergreen Shelter parking lot on **Sundays in May** from 7-9 am.

MUGS FOR SALE

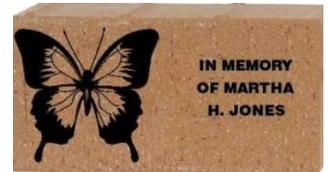


New colors of mug are in... **Wisconsin made** in Neenah! There are four designs, food-safe, and can be placed in the microwave, oven, or dishwasher. All proceeds benefit the FLP so support the park! Mugs are available at the office.

Executive Slim 14 oz.	\$24.00
Java Taster 16 oz.	\$25.00
Wide Mouth 16 oz.	\$25.00
Octoberstein 24 oz.	\$28.00

BUTTERFLY BRICK PATHWAY

A brick is always a great gift idea for a birthday, anniversary or upcoming event. Design your own 4x8 brick for \$125 or an 8x8 brick for \$250. Check out the [website](#) for details. The Friends goal is to expand the rest of the pathway throughout the fall of 2021.



2021 SKI LEAGUES

COVID-19 restrictions required the Friends to modify this year’s ski leagues to 50 or less per activity. Therefore, the Wednesday Night Ski League was divided into two sessions: At 5:15 to 6:30 the 43+ High School and Middle School skiers raced. At 7:15 the 46 adults raced on varying courses from the manmade outer loop to the entire lighted loop. On Tuesday afternoon, Jim Marschalek headed a new Time Trial League with chip timing. 33 adults joined that league and enjoyed the earlier time slot. Kris Maki opened registration for a Virtual Lapham Loppet with a three week window to complete and self-timing. Many positive comments were made due to the wonderful grooming and the only league running in Wisconsin! Thank you to all participants! Snowmaking will receive about \$6700 profit.

SKI RENTALS



Thank you to Nordic Specialists of Oconomowoc for providing ski rentals. At times it was very busy with lines waiting outside. This was a perfect winter to learn to ski and relish the snow!

SKIING

With Mother Nature not providing snow in December, ski enthusiasts were thankful to Rich Marusinec and the snowmaking volunteers for beginning to make snow. The new Pisten Bully 100 allowed skiers to enjoy *perfect* conditions. Mother Nature kicked in to assist the rest of the winter for all to have the best snow conditions to ski the entire system for the rest of winter. ***A huge thank you to all the groomers!***



Bob and Mary Lou enjoying the snowmaking loop during warmer weather.

HELP US WITH HABITAT RESTORATION

Snow did not stop work we've been doing on Habitat Restoration, as we worked all winter long. Our efforts for the season started on October 1st, with Buckthorn Busters clearing buckthorn and honeysuckle along both sides of Highway C in front of the park, making it easier for people to see into our park, and to reduce deer/car accidents. In November, we burned over 50 acres of prairie on the west side of the park, and then all winter long we continued our efforts along Highway C, along the Ice Age Trail as it passes through the park, and on the far east side of the park where people from the subdivisions hike in from. We will continue our cutting and burning into the spring, and then we will turn our attention to herbiciding the same areas that we worked over the past few years, to keep the invasives away. Our crews also helped with several off-site community projects, including habitat restoration work around Kettle Moraine High School's property, and also along the Ice Age Trail in Hartland.

We would love to have your help! Certain jobs require certifications, but we always need people to help with stacking and burning buckthorn and honeysuckle piles, removing garlic mustard in the spring, and various other efforts that we work on (building and maintaining park benches, helping with trail maintenance, etc.). We could also use help financially, as we completely fund this work

with donations. We have crews that work during the weekdays, and also on the weekends. Please see our website for details: laphampeakfriends.org/habitat-restoration

FIRE PIT AT EVERGREEN



With increased outdoor activities during COVID, many people took advantage of the newly relocated fire pit by

Evergreen area. Almost daily during the day and evenings people were socially safe enjoying the warmth of the fire and sharing food and comradery.

WISCONSIN STATE FRIENDS GROUP

The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks and Wisconsin Friends Explore challenge visitors to explore Wisconsin state park properties in new and/or fun ways, increase healthy habits, and connect with family and friends. The Challenge will begin on Spring Equinox-March 20, 2021, and end on the Fall Equinox on September 22, 2021. There are activities for individuals, families and Friends groups. Here are a few ideas: hike 50 miles, hike every trail on one property (like Lapham Peak!), fish 3 different properties, clean up litter for 2-3 hours at a property, and the list goes on! Check out their [website](#) for registration and more details. It's a fun way to spend time in the outdoors.

MEMBERSHIP

Our 156 lifetime membership has steadily increased over the years. Yearly memberships have decreased to 28 so far this year. Your membership is a tax deductible donation. Monies increase our support for park projects.

Hopefully, with COVID-19 vaccines available to all in the future, the park will be receiving new guidelines and more FLP events can be held. Here is a 2021 membership [form](#) and [PayPal](#) link through the website. We certainly appreciate your support!